



The Plumbline

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"I'll Clean 'Em" - Jesus By Daryl Diddle

I don't really watch YouTube all that much, beyond the occasional search about how to repair something

around the house. But since I really love messing with cars, one channel I do subscribe to is called, "Ammo NYC." Larry Kosilla is a master car restorer / detailer who's taught me much through His YouTube videos about correctly cleaning and repairing the interiors and exteriors of vehicles.

In a recent episode, a fellow brought him a car that needed the paint corrected. The paint all over the car was badly scratched and swirled, but especially so the deck/trunk lid. That particular panel was scratched so badly that Larry, usually quite reserved and restrained, said, upon seeing it for the first time, "Man, did he fillet fish on the trunk lid or what?"

Of course, Larry, then, in under 5 minutes with his random orbital and a bit of compound, polish and wax, made the thing look brand new. Remarkable.

The whole thing about filleting fish though brought to mind the old saying expressed through the years in sermons and songs...supposedly words of Jesus to us, "You catch 'em and I'll clean 'em."

This sentiment is, of course, based on Jesus' invitation to His followers to become "fishers of men / people" as Matthew 4:19 reports. That's the "You catch 'em" part.

At the same time, the "I'll clean 'em" part comes from the many times Jesus had to stop His disciples from unlovingly judging, correcting and rebuking others, thinking they were "helping" Jesus – a principle best encapsulated by Jesus words from

Matthew 7, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged – in the same way you judge others you will be judged and the measure you use will be used upon you."

The point of it is, our job is to be loving examples of, and thus witnesses for, Christ to those who don't know Him. Then we are to leave to Jesus and His Spirit the work of "cleaning them;" growing them up in faith, removing sinful behaviors from their lives, and moving them on toward Christlikeness.

That's not to say that we don't have occasional roles in that process. Certainly as teachers, mentors and examples, we engage with people, sharpen them, and encourage them in trust and faith.

But the burden of accomplishing life transformation in a person falls on Jesus, not on us. It's God's work to do, which means that people God brings into our lives are not simply projects to be worked on and improved – like an old car.

People are persons to be loved, accepted and nurtured in genuine relationship.

It's up to God to clean 'em. That's His responsibility...and I'm glad for that, because it takes a load of responsibility off of me.

Mine is to love and accept and walk with and nurture as best I can. Mine is to live a Scriptural life., walk by the Spirit, and be a witness of what Jesus is doing in me. As I do that, God picks up from there and, by His Spirit, points out things in others' lives that need correction...just like He does in my life.

Now...'ll confess that sometimes it's hard for me to keep my role and God's role straight. Sometimes I try to tell people what they should do. Sometimes I think, "If they'd just let me run their life, things would be great!"

When I've tried to take on God's role, however, things get tense and messy and people are offended and hurt.

But when God does it, all is well for everyone.

You see, in education terms, God has a scope and sequence chart for every individual's spiritual development.

In medical terms, God has a treatment plan for every person.

In financial terms, God has a personalized investment strategy for every one of us.

Sometimes He uses us to play a specific part in someone else's life, and other times not.

Regardless, God has a plan and He's working it in all of our lives, including the life of that person we know who can be so frustrating to us because they're not doing what we think they should do.

God has a plan for that person...and He's working it. Sometimes we can see how He's working in the lives of others, and sometimes we can't. But He's working His plan just the same.

So let's do our part. Let's catch them with truth and love, and let's trust that He'll clean them...on His schedule and with loving mercy.

Community Service Center Update



The CSC continues to serve around 60 families during the Monthly Food Distribution. The number of families has increased significantly over the past few years.

Donations at the CSC Thrift Shop are welcome any day that the shop is open -- gently used household items, small furniture, clothing. We are grateful for your donations that keep the shop stocked for our valued customers.

To prepare for the Monthly Food Distribution, please consider donating the following items:

Non-perishable food items needed at the CSC Food Pantry including:

- 1 lb box saltines
- canned tuna
- 1 lb box spaghetti
- 24 oz spaghetti sauce
- 12 oz box of cereal
- 12 oz box raisins

(Please refrain from donating any canned vegetables. We are grateful for past donations that have blessed the pantry with plenty of canned vegetables.).



Discipleship and Prayer

By Lowell Williamson

Consider with me how vital prayer is in each area of our life as a disciple of Jesus. Jesus gave us the three steps involved in discipleship in Luke 9:23; “if anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me”

Self-denial begins in serious prayer about who is truly Lord in my life. My life career choice was made in several but separate ways the Lord challenged me. Only in prayer did I make the right decisions to let the Lord direct my life’s work. Years of preparation kept me on my knees for diligence to the task.

I soon discovered that self-denial was not a one-time decision, it was a continuing prayer as I faced daily needs, temptations, and especially, personal desires. I could quote; “God gives grace to the humble,” but too often pride interfered. Years later I could look back with thanksgiving for abundant grace and answered prayers. Today I still need to continue praying for a humble spirit of self-denial, so he is truly Lord now.

Living in Wilmore, Kentucky, I love each night seeing the lighted cross atop the water tower. Then I see a person of questionable character wearing a cross necklace. I realize it is not just my thoughts about the cross, it is what the Lord wants it to be as my lifestyle. A daily way of living!

Willful self-sacrifice defines what makes dying on a cross possible. It can only be possible as an act of “steadfast love.” Something only God himself can do. Yet to be his disciple he is stating “take up his cross daily”! The most meaningful praying I do is communicating thanksgiving for how much the Lord loves me, and how I want to truly love him. That lays the foundation for sharing sacrificial love for others. Learning and sharing how I can help others become disciples of Jesus. In praying we forget the “cost” of self-sacrifice and do it out of love as Jesus would do it. Daily devotional, daily worship, becomes my way of sharing the cross and a lifestyle pleasing to the Lord.

Discipleship involves “following Jesus”. The New Testament provides us with many examples of those who followed Jesus when he was in the flesh and on earth. From hearing truth including a free lunch, to physical miracles, even to a change in career. Today we also hear multiple testimonies of people who are following Jesus, and we rejoice with them. Following implies doing it now, and keep on following. How do we know and experience the Lord saying, “This is the way, walk in it”?

It is much easier to follow the Lord when we have truly “denied” ourselves, he is Lord, and we are living a life of self-sacrificial love. Now it is a daily walk, in step, with the one we love and want to obey. Praying is a lifestyle of listening to the Holy Spirit’s guidance to fulfill opportunities for witness, loving service, and intercession. We rejoice when the Lord disrupts our day with an opportunity to bless another.

Disciples keep learning how much the Lord loves them, how he wants fellowship and joyful communication. Hymn writer C. Austin Miles expresses it this way, “And he walks with me and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.” (In The Garden,v.4) AMEN

Primetimers



Bears hibernate in the winter, and the Prime Timers hibernate in the summer. Our next monthly noon luncheon will be a potluck picnic at Highbridge Pavilion on Thursday, September 8th.



Getting to Know You

By Sue Adkins

Don and Jennifer Fairbairn moved to Wilmore from South Carolina in August of 2020. Their children, Trey (20) and Ella (almost 19) both found their perfect colleges in eastern Kentucky. Trey is studying German and organ at Centre College and is hoping to be a church organist/missionary in Germany. Ella is studying equine studies and creative writing at Asbury and hopes to be involved in the equestrian world, especially in dressage.

The Fairbairns have been friends of Skip and Darlene Elliott for many years, and at their recommendation began attending WFMC as soon as they arrived. Don, Jennifer, and Ella joined WFMC in December 2020. (Trey has been a church organist in Harrodsburg for over a year and is not at WFMC very often.)

Don and Jennifer homeschooled Trey and Ella from first through twelfth grade, so they are used to spending a lot of time together. Because they are still so close geographically, they have enjoyed having Ella's college friends over to their home on Fridays for pizza/movie nights. They have also been able to go to her concerts (she plays the flute and the handbells) and equestrian events, and to go to Trey's organ concerts at Centre.

Don is a seminary professor and has taught at Donetsk Bible College in Ukraine, at Erskine Theological Seminary in South Carolina, and for the last 12 years, at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte. He travels to Charlotte once a month to teach and hold meetings and he does the remainder of his work from Wilmore via Zoom. Jennifer started her teaching career right after college, teaching English in Uzbekistan. Currently she is putting her years of homeschooling experience to work as she serves as an educator and caregiver for a ten-year old boy with Down's Syndrome.



Caroline Timmerman, and Ella, Don and Jennifer Fairbairn

Don and Jennifer have been enjoying exploring Kentucky. Kayaking in the mine at Red River Gorge (and eating at Miguel's) is a favorite pastime, as well as dining at Abyssinia Ethiopian restaurant in Louisville, and Massala (Indian) and Marrika's (German) in Lexington. Jennifer also likes knitting, reading, and playing with their dogs Lizzie and Myshkin. Don likes gardening, playing golf, and walking Lizzie around Wilmore. (Myshkin is too lazy to go on walks.)

Jennifer became a believer in high school, and Don in college. Both went to seminary, and in the 1990s they served as missionaries (Don in Soviet Georgia and Ukraine, and Jennifer in Ukraine and Uzbekistan). They met through their common interest in missions and Ukraine. A mutual friend (Don's Hebrew teacher in seminary who was also sort of a second father to Jennifer) knew them both and thought that since they had both been missionaries in Ukraine they should meet. They were introduced in December of 1998, corresponded by email between South Carolina, where Jennifer was finishing her M.Div. and England, where Don was completing his PhD, and they were married in August of 1999. They have been married for almost 23 years and have continued to minister in various places in Europe and Africa.

Don and Jennifer are glad to be in Wilmore, to be close to their children and to be a part of WFMC!

Music Ministries Update “Take Note”

*A Word of Thanks...

...to all of the volunteers who have participated in music programs at WPMC throughout the past spring and fall. Each week, you sacrifice your time to be a part of this important ministry to our church. This season was especially sweet as we were able to gather and rehearse and make music again after nearly two years. Thank you for your enthusiastic return! We greatly appreciate your willingness to use your gifts as a sweet offering to the Lord and could not minister without you!

...to the wonderful congregation for your support of the music ministry at WPMC and for the vibrant singing that you continually offer on a weekly basis. You are the most important choir of the church, and we are blessed. Thank you!

As you are relaxing and enjoying your “Summer Vacation” please keep in mind that beginning in September our music ensembles will once again be rehearsing on a weekly basis. Below is a general list of all ensembles that will be offered this coming fall. Please check future Plumblane articles for specific details regarding these groups:

Children’s Vocal and Instruments

- ⇒ Young Musicians (age 4 by October 1st)
- ⇒ Friendship Company (Kindergarten-1st Grade)
- ⇒ Heaven’s Harmony (Grades 2-5)
- ⇒ Chimes of Joy (Grades 2-5)

Youth and Adult Vocal Ensembles

- ⇒ Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)
- ⇒ Sanctuary Choir (Post-High School and above)

Youth and Adult Instrumental Ensembles

- ⇒ Tintinnabulation Youth Handbell Choir (Grades 6-12)
- ⇒ Beginner/Intermediate Adult Handbell Opportunities (Post-high school and above)
- ⇒ Blessings Intermediate/Advanced Adult Handbell Choir (Post-high school and above)
- ⇒ Silver Bells Handbell Choir (Senior Adult)



Do you play a musical instrument or enjoy singing? If so, we would love to have you minister with us by joining one of our music teams for morning worship, or by playing your instrument/singing a solo for music ministry! For more information regarding ensembles, as well as Sunday morning and evening music ministries, small groups, and instrumental opportunities, please contact Mark Schell or Rose Evans. We want to hear from you!

Prayer Meeting

summer! Call it an old-fashioned vestige of the past if you like, but through the years, it’s proven to be a necessary component of healthy church life and spiritual power. Come and pray each Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., B200/201.

Wednesday evening prayer meeting continues through the



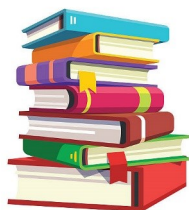
Library News

New Children's Books (Loan Period: 3 Weeks)

- ◆ A Mouse in Solomon's House – Mac Thomas
- ◆ Why Is There a Cross – Kathleen Long Bostrom
- ◆ God Gave Us the World – Lisa Tawn Bergen
- ◆ Little Pilgrim's Big Journey – Tyler & Beatriz Haltern
- ◆ The Donkey That No One Could Ride – Anthony DeStefano
- ◆ The Treasure Tree – John & Cindy Trent

New Adult Books (Loan Period: 3 Weeks)

- ◆ Not I, But Christ – Corrie Ten Boom
- ◆ Living on the Ragged Edge – Charles R. Swindoll
- ◆ Living Beyond the Limits – Franklin Graham
- ◆ Till Armageddon : A Perspective on Suffering – Billy Graham
- ◆ How Now Shall We Live? – Charles & Nancy Pearcey
- ◆ Hope Valley War – Brock Thoene



New DVDs (Loan Period: 2 Weeks)

- ◆ Sarah Plain and Tall: Winter's End
- ◆ Breaking the Silence: My Amish Story
- ◆ Unplanned: What She Saw Change Everything
- ◆ Special Homecoming Moments with Bill & Gloria Gaither
- ◆ The Best of Anthony Burger

Book Reviews

Thank You, God, for Mommy by Amy Parker

With Mother's Day coming up it is a good book to read to your children or grandchildren. Many qualities characterized by mothers are covered. The rhyming book is made of hard paper so even very young children can turn the pages as you read.

Review by Beverly Jennings

Daniel in the Lion's Den by John Patience

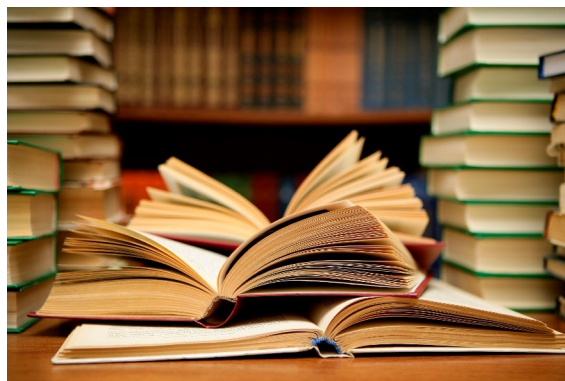
A sturdy book of brightly colored pop up pictures depicts the story of Daniel being saved by the lions. This is a good book for early readers.

Review by Beverly Jennings

The List by Buck Storm and Bill Perkins

Reading the preface to this book is a must. Bill Perkins knows the Holy Land like the back of his hand and Buck Storm is an extremely talented word-smith and storyteller. Between the two, a wonderful historical novel is fleshed out from geography and scripture. I felt as if I were reading part of the TV series, *The Chosen*. The reader's imagination and attention are captured on the first page as s/he is drawn in to walk alongside Joseph of Arimathea, a Sadducee, as he comes to faith in Jesus Christ and more fully develops his growing friendship with Nicodemus, a Pharisee. Both men, fearful of losing their positions in the Sanhedrin, secretly develop a list of prophesied proofs from the scriptures that the events in Yeshua's life are genuine. They risk their jobs as a wealthy vintner and a successful shop owner if their colleagues discover their wavering allegiance to the Sanhedrin. Joseph's father-in-law, a fictional character, is the villain who portrays everything about the Pharisees that Jesus condemned. Joseph's and Nicodemus' families are realistically depicted as the reader gets a close up look at New Testament Jewish culture during the week of Passover in Jerusalem. *The List* is an extremely well written book that brings the scriptures to life without being the least bit preachy. The story stops short of the resurrection, leaving the reader with a promise that a sequel will follow.

Review by Bonnie Lashbrook



Please Renew Items Promptly

If you need to renew any items, please check with the librarian, Bonnie Koteskey, at (859) 858-3436, or leave a note on the library bulletin board. It is important to return the materials when they are due so that others can check them out.

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Tobias Reifsnnyder, Colleen Weaver, *Charlie & Kaye Payne*
- 2 Hannah Calhoun, Joanna Crabtree, Larkin Dietrich
- 3 June Lintemuth, David Van Hor, Eric Walsh, *Jim & Joan Lee, Burnam & Machel Reynolds*
- 4 Mia Campbell, Melissa Johnston, Joan Lee, *Jesse & Norma Miller*
- 6 Wes Eisemann
- 7 Jim Lee, Lyn Neyman, *Del & Lyn Searls*
- 8 Nathan Diddle, *Sam & Pat Gilmore*
- 9 Amy Kinnell, Eden Watts, *Paul & Sue Hamann, Dexter & Dickie Lee Porter*
- 10 Chloe Adams, Mark Schell, *David & Carol Coulliette, Colin & Jamie McGlothlin*
- 11 Bob Erny, Joy Ireland, Bonnie Lashbrook, Emma Padgett, Wally Underwood, Colin Winter, *Lynn & Rosie Cooper*
- 12 Kenny Isaac Proctor, *Bruce & Laura Branan, Don & Devon Roxberry*
- 14 Carol Iddings, Violet Madill, *Kris & Susie Gorton*
- 15 Beth Boisvert, Art Brown, Arvid Metcalf, Elizabeth Wooster, Eileen Wright
- 16 Amy Cannon, Jake Dunn, Nellie Kester, *Joe & Virginia Valentino*
- 17 Kris & Merianne Dietrich, *Paul & Joy Dupree*
- 18 Lily Kate Atkinson, Violet Atkinson, Julie Jobryce, Burnam Reynolds, *Don & Patti Butterworth*
- 19 James Demaray, *Ed & Sharon Bryson, Michael & Carole Dickie, Lee & Noel Taylor*
- 20 David McPeake, Jeremy Wheelock, *Skip & Darlene Elliott*
- 21 John Oswalt, Jon Reifsnnyder, *Joe & Barb Crouse, Timothy & Elizabeth Wooster*
- 22 Ron & Bonnie Koteskey
- 23 Paul Kellogg, Ben Shafer, *Ralph & Nellie Kester*
- 24 Jan Coleman, Rose Evans
- 25 Paul & Miriam Langford
- 27 Sharon Bryson, *Royce & Susie Bourne*
- 28 Joanna Mbela
- 29 Amanda Bailey, *Thad & Ruth Gouge, Curt & Timberly Kidwell*
- 30 Sam & Rachel Powdrill
- 30 Brent & Colleen Weaver

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Chase Bricken
- 2 Lane Stidom
- 3 Bill Descoteaux, *Jeremy & Beth Wheelock*
- 4 Jeremiah Coyote, Tony Headley, Grace Holmes, Bob Thurman
- 5 Cathi Blankenship, Caelan Dietrich, *Ricardo & Beth Gomez, Ben & Nichole Shafer*
- 6 Ethan & Charlotte Adams, Ben & Renee Riffell
- 7 Wesley Cannon, Lydia Evans, *Curt & Pat Caldwell*
- 8 Bob Cassidy, Emily Fitch, Don Koehn, Dorothy Thompson
- 9 Evie Barnard, Jody Brock, LeAnn Roberge, Kyle Seitz
- 10 Allison Evely, Dale Hale
- 11 Carole Dickie, *Tyler & Sarah Roark, Scott & Eileen Wright*
- 12 Dick Crane
- 13 Dalton Cannon, Shannon Gouge, Caroline Timmerman, *Gerry & Judy Graham*
- 14 Brian Bowers, Letha Jones, Rick Maynard, *Curtis & Arlene Allen, Joel & Genia Schumacher*
- 15 Jana Johnston, Luke Johnston, *Don & Robbie Joy, John & Marilyn Swaim*
- 16 Abby Evely, Susan Folsom, Katy Zweifel
- 17 Katie Beth Gorton, Kennedy Roberge, *Mark & Rose Evans, Bob & Faye Neal*
- 18 Machel Reynolds, Don Zent, *Bob & Teresa Cassidy, Doug & Carol McGlothlin, Golf & Bethany Tonglamun*
- 19 Ariel Miller, Emily Walsh, *Andrew & Hannah Miller*
- 20 Peter Cooper, Caitlin Gothay, Mike Tillson, *Warren & Marguerite Brude, Timothy & Joyce Thomas*
- 21 Josiah Coyote, Skip Elliott, Priscilla Probst, Gretchen Stidom
- 23 Bruce Smythe
- 24 Kristi McConnell, Journey Tackett
- 25 Ryan Padgett, Randy Richardson
- 26 Don Sweigard, Sadie Upton, James Walsh
- 27 Will Montoya
- 28 Kevin Calhoun, *Major & Missy Upton, Tyler & Katy Zweifel*
- 29 Gerry Graham, Vera Steury
- 30 Cathy Thompson, Eleanor Tonglamun, Parker Weinberger, Stan Wiggam, *Earle & Dottie Bowen, Ralph & Grace Yoder*
- 31 Joshua Mbela, *Keith & Jenny Madill*

Spiritual Temperament

By Ted Moon

Have you ever thought of how spiritual temperaments can point us to different ways that we can worship God? Gary Thomas calls these spiritual temperaments “sacred pathways” by which different people draw near to God. Which of these might be true of you?

The **Naturalist** loves God out of doors. They would prefer to leave any building, however beautiful, to pray to God beside a river. Just let them walk through the woods, mountains, or open meadows. Naturalists learn to seek God by surrounding themselves with all that he has made.

Sensate Christians love God with their senses. They want to be lost in the fall, beauty, and splendor of God. They are drawn particularly to the liturgical, the majestic, the grand. When these Christians worship, they want to be filled with sights, sounds, and smells that send their hearts soaring.

Traditionalists Love God through ritual and symbol. They are fed by the historical dimensions of faith: rituals, symbols, sacraments, and sacrifice. These Christians tend to have a disciplined life of faith.

Ascetics love God in solitude and simplicity. They want nothing more than to be left alone in prayer. Take away the liturgy, the trappings of religion, the noise of the outside world. These Christians want to be left alone to pray in silence and simplicity.

Activists serve a God of justice, and their favorite scripture is often the account of Jesus cleansing the temple. They define worship as standing against evil and calling sinners to repentance. These Christians often view the church as a place to recharge their batteries so they can go back into the world to wage war against injustice.

Caregivers serve God by serving others. They often claim to see Christ in the poor and needy, and their faith is built up by interacting with other people. Where caring for others might wear many of us down, serving others recharges their batteries.

The **Enthusiasts** love God with mystery and celebration. They find excitement and mystery and worship to be their spiritual life blood. Enthusiast are inspired by joyful celebration. These Christians are cheerleaders for God in the Christian life. Let them clap their hands, shout “amen” and move their bodies with joyous excitement is all they ask.

Contemplatives love God through adoration. refer to God as their lover, the images of a loving Father and Bridegroom predominate their view of God. Their favorite biblical passages might be taken from the Song of Songs as they enter the “divine romance.” These Christians seek to love God with the purest, deepest, and brightest love imaginable.

Intellectuals love God with the mind. They might be skeptics or committed believers, but in either case they are likely to be studying and, in some instances, arguing either for or against doctrines like Calvinism, infant baptism, ordination of women, and predestination. Intellectuals make faith something to be understood as much as experienced.

Regardless of our predominant spiritual temperament, all of us could learn a great deal from how others are nourished by God and how others meet and love God.

Adapted from Sacred Pathways by Gary Thomas.

Prison Ministry

In May, Charlie Payne, Craig Saunders and I (Ted Moon) return to ministering at the Nicholasville jail. We do appreciate your prayers as we prepare to encourage and challenge the inmates.

Last week I had an unusual encounter with one of the employees at Wendy's. His name was Timothy and I noticed he had a cross around his neck. I mentioned that I worked in the jail ministry in Nicholasville and told him I had a cross given to me by an inmate. He had unraveled a colorful sock and used the thread to fashion a beautiful across, which he gave me. I told Timothy that I've had that cross for over 15 years and use it as a reminder to pray for those in jail. He looked at me and said, "I've been in jail on and off for 15 years myself. I didn't find God in jail. God wasn't lost. I was lost and He found me. I have been holding on to Jesus ever since, but more importantly, Jesus has been holding onto me." Then he encouraged me by telling me that he was blessed by all those who came to minister to him while he was in jail. Encouragement comes in many ways, even across the counter at Wendy's.

Thanks again for remembering these whom Christ loved and died for. Here is a picture of the cross woven and given to me.



Overseas Fellowship

The Overseas Fellowship exists to expand interest, understanding, and exposure to missions and life in foreign countries. It also seeks to encourage those with a common interest in missions and overseas careers. Though the focus is on missions, any type of overseas experience (education, business, or periods of military service) contributes to our discussions on culture and promoting the Gospel to the world.

A team of experienced missionaries leads the fellowship which meets three times a year with a dinner and program. Topics include reports from active or retired missionaries, experiences in international culture, and lively table discussions on different aspects of overseas life.

The next meeting of the Overseas Fellowship will be in September of this year. Everyone is welcome as we provide fellowship for the curious as well as the "old-timers" in our church family.

Call for Ushers

WHAT IS AN USHER?

- ⇒ Spiritual ambassador for the local church
- ⇒ First representative of Jesus Christ for a worship service
- ⇒ Tabernacle doorkeepers
- ⇒ Ministers of people, one-on-one
- ⇒ Resource at worship
- ⇒ Helpers

These people are not just door holders and plate-passers. They serve as a spiritual role and exhibit spiritual characteristics.

These are our wonderful group of ushers. They greet you; they welcome you; they provide you with bulletins, communion elements, give directions to classrooms, bathrooms, and the nursery. They are men and women that come faithfully each service they are assigned and serve joyfully.

We are short a couple ushers for the first morning service. If you think you can serve our community of believers in this way, please call or text Glen Ellwood at (859) 559-6445.

Andrea Tinsley Missionary Update

◇ Do you have any testimony of answered prayers?

Jesus continues to answer my prayers. I have faced a few health concerns this spring which led to having to have lab work, exams, and appointments with new doctors. My dear friend Beth has been able to go with me to some of these appointments, but I have also gone to appointments on my own. Each time I have gone on my own, Jesus has reminded me of His presence, bringing comfort to my anxious thoughts and helping me to use my limited Spanish and my trusty google translate app to understand and be understood. He also uses each of you, your prayers, your notes of encouragement, and your support, to remind me that though I may do many things here in Medellin on my own, I am never alone.



◇ What aspect of Colombian culture do you feel most comfortable with?

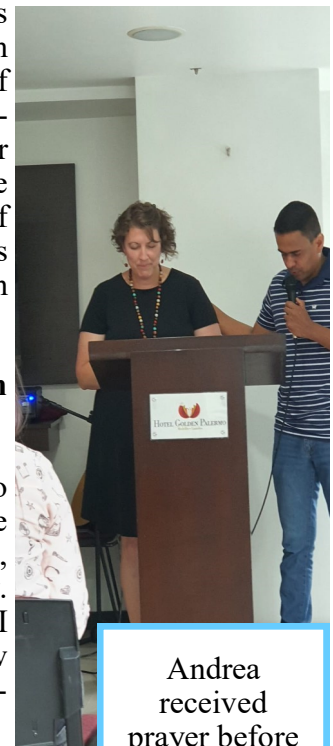
My experience in Medellin is that people are very friendly. I greet and am greeted by most people that I pass each day on my walks. That feels the most like home. Coming from Wilmore and my hometown of McMinnville, TN, I grew up waving to other cars, people in their yards, and greeting people in the grocery store. Now, because of these short exchanges of greetings

and pleasantries, I have been able to make a few new friends with women who I see regularly on my walks.

◇ How can we pray for you? Do you have any other prayer requests in your community?

Please pray for these new relationships with women along my way to class. As my language skills are improving, I am feeling more comfortable talking more with these ladies. They struggle to provide for their families, selling lollipops, candies, crackers, and cookies to people passing by. Many people walk past them, looking away or ignoring them. Pray that I will be obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as I seek to know how to be a good friend and encouragement to these women. More than anything, I want to share the love of Jesus with these new friends.

I would also appreciate it if you would join me in praying for my tutor and the other tutors at my language school. I continue to pray that Jesus would use me to share the Gospel with these young adults.



Andrea received prayer before preaching on Palm Sunday

Bible Quizzing Update

Bible quizzing at Wilmore Free Methodist Church this year for 20 teenagers and 7 adult coaches has involved daily study, weekly practices, and monthly competitions. This year, we have traveled to the states of Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan in addition to a Bible quiz meet that was hosted here in Wilmore. Our focus for the year has been Hebrews, 1st and 2nd Peter, and Jude, including 44 verses which required memorization.

Remaining quizzes include a June 4th meet in New York and the Bible Quiz National Tournament which will be hosted for the first time by Asbury University the week of July 11-15. Please continue to pray for all of our quizzers as they study and memorize this material and apply it to their hearts, minds, and lives and for traveling mercies on our remaining trip.

We would love to see you at Nationals in July. Please watch for specific times, but truly you could just show up and see what is happening as teenagers descend on Wilmore the week of July 11-15 for the National tournament. We are so appreciative of the prayer and financial support that is provided by individuals and the church.



MEN'S BASKETBALL



Calling all able-bodied men! Tuesday Night Men's Basketball has resumed! Come out to the CMC from 7pm to 9pm for some good exercise, competition and spiritual growth. Questions? Contact Christian Gothay at (859) 354-9929. See you there!

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Vision Statement

A Community that Reflects
Jesus's Vision and Values

Mission Statement

Wilmore Free Methodist Church
will faithfully offer
members and neighbors
the Word of God,
the love of the Father,
the grace of Jesus,
and the power of the Holy Spirit.
We will be Christ's presence
in our world.



The Plumbline

Newsletter of the Wilmore Free Methodist Church

June 2022 / July 2022



G'day, mate! Are you ready for the trip of a lifetime as we zoom off to the Land Down Under?

Be prepared to experience the jaw-dropping beauty of the Great Barrier Reef, the arid temperature of outback afternoons, the architectural marvels of Australia's modern cities, and the fascinating eucalypt forest, home of the koala. While discovering Australia's beauty, we will explore the wonder and value of life, from the lives of preborn babies to eternal life in the kingdom of God.



June 6 -10
9 a.m. - Noon 4 year olds - 5th grade
Register today online at <https://vbspro.events/p/016a8f>

